

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Valerie Legrand et al.

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For: MICROPARTICULATE ORAL GALENICAL  
FORM FOR THE DELAYED AND  
CONTROLLED RELEASE OF  
PHARMACEUTICAL ACTIVE PRINCIPLES

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Examiner: L. Schlientz

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This amendment is filed in reply to the Final Office Action dated January 7, 2009, for which a response was due April 7, 2009. Applicants include with this response a Petition for Extension of Time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for three months to extend the deadline to file this response to July 7, 2009. Applicants also submit concurrently a request for continued examination (RCE) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. This response is timely filed July 7, 2009.

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